we have given sufficient protection to the indigenous manufacturers and indigenous industries. It is too early to estimate any impact in these areas. Regarding the Dunkel proposal, the Government is open. We will come before this House and whatever suggestions we get we will take into consideration and we will do in the interest of the country keeping in mind the sovereignty of the country.

SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Sir, I would like to know whether it is true that the Electronics Manufacturers' Association brought to the notice of the Government an anomalous situation, that is, duty on raw materials is more and duty on finished goods is less. So, when the finished goods become cheaper the indigenous industry is affected. What is the action that the Government has taken to retrieve the situation ?

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY : Sir, as I have already said, we have given sufficient level of protection to the electronics industry also. It is not true that there is any adverse impact on this industry.

*126. *The questioner (Shri M. Hanumanthappa) was absent. For answer vide col.* infra).

WORLD BANK REFUSAL FOR FINANCING THE ONGOING PROJECTS

*127. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has indicated about the stoppage of further Finance for the completion of on-going projects;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman, Delhi dated the 21st April, 1993 captioned "World Bank stops funds to 23 Indian projects."

(c) whether the bank is taking negative attitude by and large of Indian proposals now;

(d) whether Government have ascertained the reasons behind such move; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) No Sir. The World Bank has not indicated to the Government of India its intention to stop further finance for the completion of on going projects.

(b) to (e) The World Bank has not stopped funding of 23 Indian projects as referred to in the newspaper article. Resettlement and Rehabilitation issues have resulted in the temporary suspension of credit on only one irrigation and one power project recently. Proposals forwarded to the World Bank for all sectors continue to receive due consideration and support from them.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Sir, I would like to draw your kind attention to the fact that a copy of the reply was not received by me. It should have been in the pocket here. But it was not there.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Group Dial System in the country

*126. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress achieved so far in Group Dial System ;

(b) what is the number of Groups working in the country; and